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**JOHNSON COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY WARNS
RESIDENTS REGARDING THE COUNTY'S COURT SERVICES NUMBER
BEING SPOOFED**

The main phone line for Johnson County Court Services has been spoofed and is being used to threaten Johnson County residents that they must pay money to the county. The caller may threaten action by the Johnson County Sheriff's Office for non-payment. These are fraudulent scam phone calls despite the appearance that they originate from a local phone number. Residents are urged to ignore any such phone calls.

The District Attorney's Office reminds residents that legitimate government entities will not call or e-mail asking for your personal information, nor will they contact you via social media. Fraudsters can make legitimate numbers appear on your Caller ID and use phishing e-mails to trick you into thinking legitimate agencies are contacting you when they are not. Johnson County Court Services does not call residents regarding payments.

In addition, Court Services staff have discovered that the office's phone number has been altered in internet search engine results. For example, a search on Google for the department reveals a fraudulent phone number. The correct contact information for Johnson County Court Services is (913) 715-7400. More information is also available at courts.jocogov.org under the "Court Services" heading.

Residents may contact the Johnson County District Attorney's Consumer Hotline at 913-715-3003 with any questions or concerns.

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